# Poll Worker Application

Complete this application and mail to:

Secretary of State Elections Division

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#### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last Name

First Name	M.I
Address	
	Zip
Phone # (	)
Date of Birt	th
County of F	Residence
Will you wo	ork in a precinct other than
•	□ No □
Please note	foreign language skills below.
Signature	

# **Time and Compensation**

- All poll workers report to their assigned polling place at 6:00 a.m., and the chief manager declares the poll officially open at 7:00 a.m.. Poll officers work until after 7:00 p.m. when all the ballots have been accounted for and all materials have been packed away.
- Poll workers are paid for their services.
   The payment amount is determined by the local governing authority, except for counties with populations of more than 200,000 in which payment requirements are set by state law.

# **Training Sessions**

The Election Superintendent in each county is responsible for appointing and training all poll officers before the first election in each election cycle. After training, you will receive a certificate stating that you are qualified to work in an upcoming primary or election. Before the election, all poll officers selected for a precinct, including the Chief Manager, Assistant Managers, and Clerks, will take an oath of office together.

#### 2007 Election Dates

Special Election March 20th
Special Election June 19th
Special Election September 18th
Municipal General Election November 6th
Muni General Election Runoff December 4th

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On November 5th, 2002, Georgia became the first state in the nation to vote entirely on touch screen voting equipment. Without a doubt, our state's dedicated elections officials and poll workers were essential to the successful introduction of the new touch screen voting machines.

The Office of the Secretary of State and local election officials would like to invite you to serve as a poll worker during the 2007 election cycle. We will need friendly, energetic poll workers to assist voters as they select local leaders this year.

This brochure provides you with information on how to become a poll worker and outlines the responsibilities of the position.

Come help citizens fulfill their civic duty as Georgia improves the accuracy, accessibility, and convenience of elections with touch screen voting machines.

### **Qualifications**

You must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county where you will be working, 16 years of age or over, able to read, write and speak the English language, and have no prior felony convictions for at least 10 years. A poll officer is not eligible to run for public office and cannot hold a public office, other than a political party office, while serving as a poll worker. A parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of a candidate cannot serve as a poll worker in any precinct where that candidate is listed on the ballot.

To become a poll worker, complete the application attached to this brochure and mail it to the Secretary of State Elections Division. Your county elections office will contact you to schedule training to qualify you as a poll worker for future elections. Once you receive training, the county elections office will notify you of upcoming elections in which you may choose to participate. Please contact the Elections Division at 404-656-2871 if you have any questions.



# **Touch Screen Voting System**

Georgia leads the nation in replacing antiquated voting machines with new touch screen voting units that are accurate, accessible and user-friendly. Features of the system include:

- Voters will insert a voter "smart" card to pull up their ballot style, and will then cast their votes by touching target areas on an electronically generated ballot. At the end of the ballot, a review screen will allow voters to verify their selections.
- The touch screen system will not allow the voter to choose more than one candidate in a single race, also called overvoting. To change a selection, the voter simply touches the original choice to deselect the vote and then simply touches another selection.
- The terminal's text size can be enlarged to improve visibility for the voter.
- Each Georgia precinct will have one voting unit configured with an audio ballot to accommodate the visually impaired, and to allow them to make ballot choices independently and without assistance.

